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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449 and the copies of those documents presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/858,212 filed May 15, 2001, by C.R. Tomsovic et al. for "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A LAP SEAM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/827,192 filed April 5, 2001, by R.L. Popp et al. for "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING PREFASTENED AND REFASTENABLE PANT WITH DESIRED WAIST AND HIP FIT."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/855,451 filed May 15, 2001, by D.H. Durrance et al. for "PRESENTATION OF FASTENING COMPONENTS FOR MAKING PREFASTENED AND REFASTENABLE PANTS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/858,071 filed May 15, 2001, by B. R. Vogt et al. for "GARMENT SIDE PANEL CONVEYOR SYSTEM AND METHOD."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/855,334 filed May 15, 2001, by J.G. Csida et al. for "PRESENTATION AND BONDING OF GARMENT SIDE PANELS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/855,484 filed May 15, 2001, by J.D. Coenen et al. for "METHODS FOR MAKING GARMENTS WITH FASTENING COMPONENTS."

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/855,450 filed May 15, 2001, by D.A. Maxton et al. for
"REFASTENABLE BONDING OF GARMENT SIDE PANELS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/855,951 filed May 15, 2001, by L.C. Hietpas et al. for
"ORBITAL MOTION DEVICE FOR SEAMING GARMENT."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-3617.

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